कोई निश्चित प्रवणता नहीं होती है। कारखानों में नियोजित प्रत्येक 1000 कर्मकार के घायल होने की दर चार से अधिक है।

(घ) और (ङ) कारखाना अधिनियम, 1948 के उपबंधों और उसके अधीन बनाए गए नियमों और विनियमों का प्रवर्तन राज्य सरकारों/केन्द्र शासित प्रदेशों द्वारा किया जाता है। कारखानों के मालिक कारखाना अधिनियम के उपबंधों, और उसके अधीन बनाए गए नियमों के कार्यान्वयन के लिए जिम्मेदार हैं। कारखाना अधिनियम के उपबंधों में, अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ विशिष्टतः खतरनाक प्रक्रियाओं में सुरक्षा और स्वास्थ्य पहलुओं को सुदृढ़ करने और उल्लंघन की दशा में दण्डात्मक प्रावधानों की व्यवस्था करने की दृष्टि से वर्ष 1987 में संशोधन किया गया था। सुरक्षा और स्वास्थ्य के क्षेत्र में कर्मकारों को प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करने की मालिकों को विशिष्ट जिम्मेदारी दी गई है। कर्मकारों को ये अधिकार दिए गए हैं कि मालिक को सम्भावित खतरे के बारे में सावधान करें। कारखाना सलाह सेवा और श्रम संस्थान महानिदेशालय, मुंबई, जोकि श्रम मंत्रालय का एक सम्बद्ध कार्यालय है, अधिनियम के प्रभावी प्रवर्तन के लिए राज्य सरकारों/केन्द्र शासित प्रदेशों को तकनीक और अन्य मार्ग दर्शन प्रदान करने के अलावा, कारखाना निरीक्षकों के लिए अनेक प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम भी संचालित करता है और अध्ययन और सर्वेक्षण भी करता है।

Wagon manufacturing capacity in the country

2449. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is surplus Wagon manufacturing capacity in the country as reported in the Indian Express dated 16th September, 1996;

(b) whether fresh capacity is being created without adequate justification; and

(c) if so, the total cost involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) It has been brought to the notice of the Government by the wagon building manufacturers in the past that their capacity is under utilised due to lack of sufficient orders from the Railways. However, the requirments of wagons depend on transport needs and very from year to year.

(b) and (c) Wagon manufacturing is a delicensed industry. Entrepreneurs desirous of setting up wagon manufacturing units are only required to file Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum (IEM) with the Secretariat for Industrial Assistance. No decision has so far been taken to create fresh wagon capacity in the Railways.

Reimbursement of Central investment subsidy

2450. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount is due to Kerala by way of reimbursement of Centreal investment subsidy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in making the payments; and

(d) whether Government will take steps to pay the amount to the State Government immediately?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) The Central Investment Subsidy Scheme which was introduced in August, 1971 for promoting industrialisation of backward areas, ceased to exist on 30th September, 1988. On Cessation of the Scheme, certain industries went in appeal to various High Courts/Supreme Court in the matter. The Supreme Court vide its judgement dated the 5th December, 1995, directed that all application, which were filed before 30th September 1988 may be considered for grant of Central Investment Subsidy, provided the applications were found complete under the Scheme Consequently, all the States/Union Territories as also the State of Kerala have been directed to comply with the Supreme Court Judgement and ensure

disbursement of claims to the eligible units and seek reimbursement from the Central Government.

ISMA Demand for increase in Levy Price of Sugar

2451. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to increase the levy sugar price on demand of Indian Sugar Mills Association;

(b) if so, the proposed levy price and the impact this price increase will have on the interest of farmers as well as the market policy of sugar industry; and

(c) whether the said Association has also demanded to decontrol the sugar price; and if so, Government's reaction to this demand?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The Indian Sugar Mills Association, in their submissions of 20.11.1996, have petitioned the Government to increase the issue price of levy sugar to Rs. 11.30 per Kg. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(c) The Assoication has demanded decontrol of sugar pricing. It is the current policy of partial control with a dual pricing machanism which has stood the test of time.

Missing of Blank import licences

2452. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that blank import licences are missing from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT);

(b) if so, the extent of loss and the periods of loss of these blank import licences;

(c) whether it is a fact that these licences were used to siphon the money abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) Loss of 3,121 Blank Import Licences has been reported from various regional offices of the Directorate General Foreign Trade (DGFT) which have come to their notice during the years 1992 to 1995.

(c) and (d) Investigations caused by Enforcement Directorate, have revealed that certain persons/firms have, during the period 1991—96 been resorting to getting remittances abroad effected against fake/missing import licences. Amount suspectedly involved, in contravention of FERA, 1973, in such transactions, as could be ascertained from investigations made, so far, is to the tune of Rs. 129 crores approximately in respect of both fake and missing import licences. On detection of the loss, prompt steps were taken by concerned offices of the Directorate General Foreign Trade to render he missing licences in-operative. One person has so far been arrested under the provisions of FERA.

Setting up of vocational rehabilitation centres for handicapped persons in Bihar

2453. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish vocational rehabilitation, Centres for the handicapped persons in the State of Bihar for their Welfare;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to provide gainful employment to handicapped persons in Bihar?